

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-4, 7-9 and 13-15 and 17-22 with remain pending in the above identified application pending. Support for the amendments made to claim 1 can be found in the specification at page 25, line 26 to page 26, line 10. No new matter is being introduced by the present amendment.

CONCLUSION

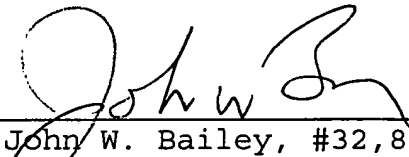
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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